

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of TIESHA MARIE WHITE,
JOSHUA EMANUEL WHITE, ANGEL ALEXIS
WHITE, and MICHAEL DEMETREUS
STEPHENSON, JR., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JEWEL ANDREA WHITE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

MICHAEL DEMETREUS STEPHENSON, SR.
and MAURICE REID, a/k/a MAURICE REED,

Respondents.

In the Matter of MICHAEL DEMETREUS
STEPHENSON, JR., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MICHAEL DEMETREUS STEPHENSON, SR.,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

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JEWEL ANDREA WHITE and MAURICE REID,
a/k/a MAURICE REED,

Respondents.

Before: Collins, P.J., and Doctoroff and White, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondent-appellants Jewel Andrea White and Michael Demetreus Stephenson, Sr. appeal as of right from the family court's orders terminating their parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

We review for clear error both the family court's determination that a statutory ground for termination was proven by clear and convincing evidence and, where appropriate, its decision regarding a child's best interests. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Here, the family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, contrary to respondent White's arguments, the evidence did not show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Trejo*, *supra*.

Affirmed.

/s/ Jeffrey G. Collins
/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff
/s/ Helene N. White